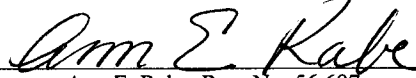


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 9, 2008, please amend the application as follows:

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